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1. ADDRESS: P O BOX 5390, PANAMA 5, R.P. (AVE. JUSTO AROSEMENA AND 39TH STREET); CABLE: NA; TELEX: NA; PHONE: 25-3660; OFFICER: LIC. GERARDO GONZALEZ, MINISTER.

2. FIRM ESTABLISHED: NA; EMPLOYEES NA; SALESMEN: NA. ACTS AS THE PANAMANIAN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT.

3. FINANCIAL REFERENCES: NA

4. MAJOR FOREIGN FIRMS REPRESENTED: NA

5. MINISTERIO DE DESARROLLO AGROPECUARIO (MIDA), WAS ESTABLISHED IN DECEMBER 1972, WITH A REORGANIZATION OF GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS FOR THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR. THIS WAS FORMALIZED BY LAWS NOS. 12 AND 13 OF JANUARY 25, 1973 WHICH, RESPECTIVELY, CREATED THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (MIDA), AND THE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BANK (BANCO DE DESARROLLO AGROPECUARIOA--BDA). THESE AGENCIES REPLACED INSTITUTO DE FORENTO ECONOMICO (IFE) AND THE COMISION DE REFORMA AGRARIA (CRA). IFE'S AGRICULTURAL MARKETING FUNCTIONS WERE ABSORBED IN MIDA'S NEW NATIONAL MARKETING BUREAU AND THE CRA'S FORMER

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FUNCTIONS WERE REDISTRIBUTED AMONG MIDA'S TWO ADDITIONAL NATIONAL

BUREAUS: AGRARIAN REFORM (LAND ACQUISITION, SURVEYING AND ALLOTMENT); AND PRODUCTION (ALL TECHNICAL SERVICES EXCEPT ENGINEERING AND NATURAL RESOURCES). THE DIRECTORS OF THESE NATIONAL BUREAUS ARE KEY PERSONNEL UNDER THE MINISTER AND VICE-MINISTER. PRODUCTION AND CREDIT PLANNING, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND SUPERVISION ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FIELD OFFICERS OF MIDA'S NATIONAL BUREAU OF PRODUCTION. THE MINISTRY'S REGIONAL OFFICERS AND THOSE OF IFE WERE REORGANIZED INTO EIGHT REGIONAL BUREAUS, RESPECTIVELY, OF MIDA AND OF THE BDA, WITH CLOSE LIAISON BETWEEN THE TWO IN EACH REGION. PROYECTO DE DESARROLLO INTEGRAL DE BAYANO (ALSO REQUESTED IN REFTTEL) IS ONE OF THE KEY PROJECTS PRESENTLY BEING HANDLED BY DIRECCION DE DESARROLLO AGROPECUARIO, A BRANCH OF MINISTERIO DE DESARROLLO AGROPECUARIO, THE SUBJECT OF THIS REPORT. THIS PROJECT WAS UNDERTAKEN FOR THE RE-SETTLEMENT OF EVACUEES FROM LAND TO BE FLOODED BY A LARGE HYDROELECTRIC DAM UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON THE BAYANO RIVER ABOUT 50 MILES EAST OF PANAMA CITY.

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